

Attaching a Custom Domain Name

You will need a domain for your store, otherwise your url will look like this:

<https://your-store-name.myshopify.com>

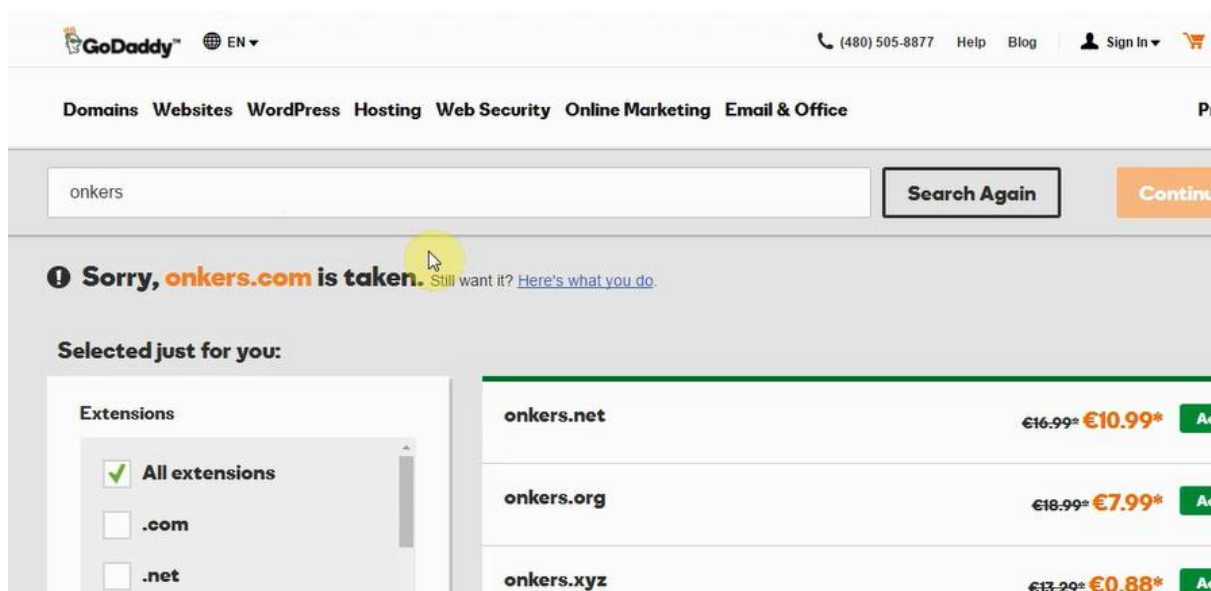
Not very professional!

You can choose a niche specific domain, or you can choose a more general name. The general option is sometimes better because it allows for more flexibility.

If you purchase your domain from Shopify, there will be no set up required because your new domain will be automatically attached to your store. The cost of a domain from Shopify is \$14 per year.

If you choose to purchase your domain elsewhere, you will need to follow the instructions to attach your domain.

Firstly, you need to choose a domain that is not already taken. The best way to that is to go to one of the popular domain registrars and use the search bar to find out what's available and what's not.



You may need to get a bit 'creative' to come up with a list of possible domains and then check them to find out if they are available

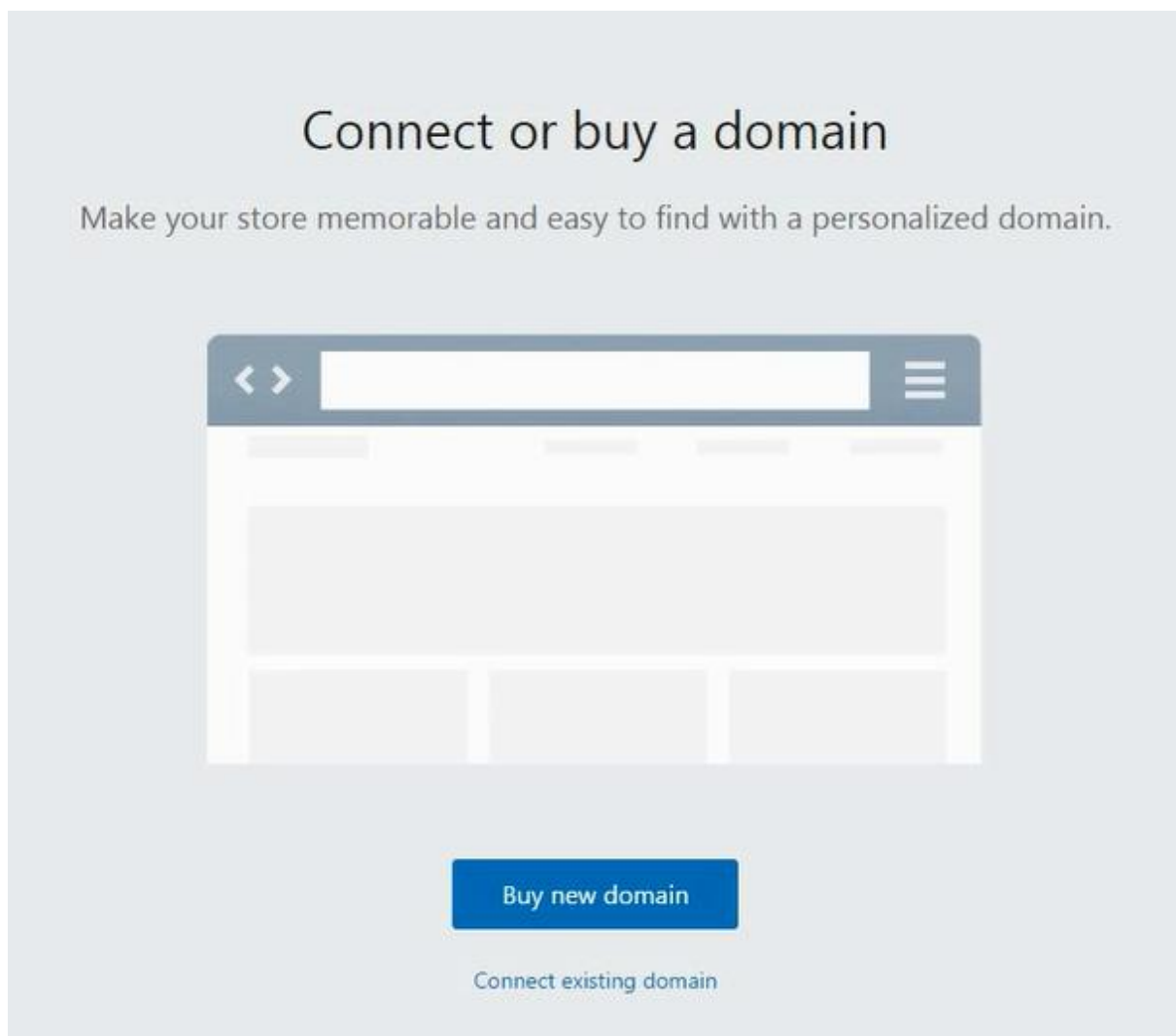
Tips:

I recommend to only use dot com or the country extension of the country you plan to sell in. Eg, dot co dot uk, dot ca, dot fr, etc.

Do not use numbers in your domain. For example, do not use digits like 1,2,3 etc, and do not use written numbers like, one, two, three, etc.

Do not use hyphens. For example, wicked-cool-stuff.com

Once you have found a domain that you like and it's available, go to your Shopify dashboard – Online Store – Domains



I recommend that if you don't have an domain already and you are not comfortable with the technical stuff required to change a domain's DNS etc, then simply buy your domain from Shopify and save yourself the hassle!